

NEW YORK AIRBRAKE LEAPED EIGHT POINTS

Stock Rose Following Declaration of Regular Dividends. Market Rallied at Close

NEW YORK, Aug. 18.—There was very little change from previous days in the trading on the Stock Exchange in the early hours today in the war specialists, who were again in the largest numbers, while standard issues, which had gained a fresh outburst of strength, but a large number of profit-taking sales were met at the higher levels, and a reaction was in order all along the line, resulting in a great deal of irregularity later in the day. Some parts of the list succeeded in maintaining a strong tone, while others were weak.

The weakness came among the specialists and Bethlehem Steel. Before the end of the first two hours it had lost 10 points, despite Motors and Studebaker were still up, but their losses were not so great. The decline in these issues was attributed to profit-taking sales. Bethlehem regained part of its loss, but was still weak, while General Motors and Studebaker dropped further. Bethlehem preferred was off 8 points.

Interest turned to a new part of the list shortly after the opening, and this was the Warren American Beet Sugar, which was taken in hand and steadily boosted upward until at noon it showed a gain of nearly 2%, and American Sugar Refining was up nearly a point.

A strong spot was Pittsburgh Coal. To account for its strength, it was said that the formation of a new company is being considered by the company's officers, who will issue bonds in place of the present preferred stock and back dividends thereon. This would get around the problem of the charter, which prevents the payment of the preferred stock. It was also understood that arrangements have been practically completed for the sale of a large tract of undeveloped coal land.

Missouri Pacific, which was yesterday traded in the hands of a receiver, moved up slightly. It was announced that the time for depositing securities under the organization plan has been extended October 15, inclusive. Some attention was attracted to Rock Island, which gained 2½ points. The argument was advanced that the company's directors might be obliged to reimburse the company for some disbursements to officers and others, for which the Interstate Commerce Commission could not find adequate service rendered.

Throughout the afternoon the tendency was a reactionary one, and the specialists were the greatest losers on the stock exchange. As an argument for driving down these issues, there was talk of a general strike of machinists at munition plants. Sugar shares remained strong.

There was a good rally a few minutes before the close which carried virtually the whole list upward.

Declaration of the regular dividend by New York Air Brake resulted in an upward boost of 8 points in that stock, and that issue led the late rally.

BANK CLEARINGS

Bank clearings today compared with corresponding day last year:

1915..... \$1,014 1913..... 1015

Philadelphia..... \$22,651 1913..... \$21,096

New York..... 305,385,970 1913..... 249,642,052

Boston..... 25,060,030 1913..... 26,362,884 22,84,165

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